

**KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
**Benton County, Washington**  
**January 1, 1993 Through December 31, 1993**

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**Schedule Of Findings**

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1. The District Should Foreclose On Delinquent Assessment Property Owners As Required By RCWs

The district has delinquent assessments dating back to 1988, which total \$148,728.

RCW 87.06.020 states that after 36 months from the month of the date of delinquency, the treasurer shall prepare certificates of delinquency on property for the unpaid irrigation district assessments, and for costs and interest.

The delinquent assessments have not been foreclosed upon because the district has been through three managers and two interim managers in the past three years. It was the managers responsibility to implement the foreclosure process.

Not foreclosing upon delinquent property owners results in the district not being in compliance with RCW 87.06.020. In addition, the district could incur extra costs due to the foreclosure delay and may not be able to recover all delinquent assessments.

We recommend the district foreclose on properties as required.

2. Annual Financial Reports Should Be Prepared And Submitted Within The Prescribed Reporting Period

The Kennewick Irrigation District's 1993 annual report was not completed and submitted to the State Auditor's Office by the May 30 deadline. The report was not done until September 1994.

RCW 43.09.230 states the State Auditor's Office shall require from every taxing district financial reports covering the full period of each fiscal year. The State Auditor's Office has promulgated in the *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual that annual reports are to be certified and filed with the State Auditor's Office 150 days after the fiscal year end.

The annual reports were not filed because of the increase in district projects and changes in management.

When the financial reports are not prepared and filed as required, the users are denied access to the district's information. Such users include:

- a. The district's rate payers.
- b. The state legislature which receives a copy of the annual volume of comparative statistics for all municipalities published pursuant to RCW 43.09.230.
- c. Bondholders, bond brokerage firms, and any other person interested in the district's finances.
- d. Federal grantors who have an interest in the district's effectiveness.

We recommend that annual reports be prepared and submitted within the prescribed reporting period.